GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4071
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
CROSSING OF LOC BY PAKISTANI FORCES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government have taken up matter of crossing of LoC and attack on Indian Security Forces by Pakistani army on February 27, 2000 with the Pakistan High Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Pakistani High Commission thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) - (b) Yes, Sir. Government strongly took up the matter of the attack on Indian security forces by the Pakistani army on February 27, 2000. It condemned the cowardly and brutal action of the Pakistani forces and called upon Pakistan to respect the Line of Control.

Pakistan has continued to indulge in unprovoked firing across the Line of Control and International Border in Jammu & Kashmir to provide cover to infiltrating terrorists as well as to attract international attention so as to seek third party involvement in India-Pakistan relations. Government remain firm in their resolve to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.